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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH COUP - RECOGNITION

REF: DACCA 3945 (NOTAL)

1. GUIDANCE OF 11 FAM 113.7 (PARA 3 REFTTEL) IS DATED.

FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT'S CURRENT GUIDANCE TO EMBASSIES
FOR HANDLING RECOGNITION ISSUE AFTER ABRUPT GOVERNMENTAL
CHANGE:

(A) MAINTAIN NORMAL CONTACTS. (MEETINGS WITH NEW OFFI-
CIALS WOULD BE QUITE PROPER.)

(B) DOWNPLAY ANY QUESTIONS RE U.S. RECOGNITION OF NEW
GOVERNMENT.

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(C) AVOID SIGNIFICANT NEW BILATERAL ACTIONS IMPLYING

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF GOVERNMENT (SUCH AS FORMAL CONGRATULATORY OR CRITICAL STATEMENTS, HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATIONS, COMMENCEMENT OR CONCLUSION OF NEW AGREEMENTS).

(D) AVOID STATEMENTS OR ACTS SUGGESTING THAT RECOGNITION IS QUESTION TO BE FORMALLY OR DRAMATICALLY DECIDED.

2. AS IS OBVIOUS, POLIDESIGNED PERMIT CONTINUING PURSUIT OF U.S. INTERESTS THROUGH NORMAL CONTACTS WHILE PROVIDING PERIOD FOR USG APPRAISAL OF SITUATION. THOUGH RECOGNITION REMAINS A RELEVANT ISSUE, WE HAVE SOUGHT TO

AVOID UNDUE EMPHASIS UPON IT BY STRESSING INSTEAD THE FULL RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS AFTER BRIEF ASSESSMENT PERIOD. WHEN PRESSED WE HAVE STATED THAT FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS IMPLIED U.S. RECOGNITION OF NEW GOVERNMENT WITHOUT IDENTIFYING ANY SPECIFIC EVENT WHICH CONSTITUTED RECOGNITION.

3. IT WILL BE APPARENT FROM ABOVE THAT IN BANGLADESH CASE, YOU SHOULD RESPOND AS APPROPRIATE WHEN CONTACTED BY OFFICIALS OF NEW BANGLADESH GOVERNMENT. ONCE CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT NORMAL CONTACT IS FEASIBLE, FOR INSTANCE, AID PROJECT DISCUSSIONS OR ACTIVITIES MAY BE RESUMED AND PL 480 NEGOTIATIONS TAKEN UP AT WHATEVER POINT THEY WERE INTERRUPTED. ON THE QUESTION OF ECONOMIC AID, IN GENERAL WE WISH TO TAKE A SYMPATHETIC POSTURE TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT. YOU MAY STATE IF ASKED THAT WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE OUR FY-76 PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES ALREADY ESTABLISHED. IF THEY ASK WHETHER INCREASED AID CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT YOU WILL BE GLAD TO REPORT TO WASHINGTON ON ANY SUCH MATTERS THAT ARE RAISED. SISCO

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